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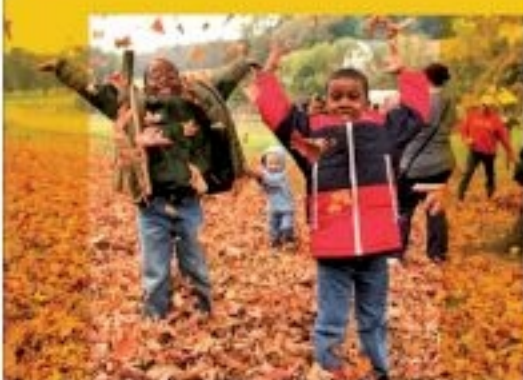
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Trump has been trying to rescind DACA since 2017.

Conservative U.S. Supreme Court justices on Tuesday appeared sympathetic to President Donald Trump's effort to rescind a program that protects from deportation hundreds of thousands of immigrants who entered the United States illegally as children – dubbed “Dreamers” – part of his tough immigration policies.

Several of the five conservative justices appeared skeptical that courts can even review the Republican president's 2017 plan to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which had been implemented in 2012 by his Democratic predecessor Barack Obama. Even if the court finds that it can be reviewed, conservative justices indicated they think Trump's administration gave a reasonable explanation for its decision.

Liberal justices emphasized the large number of individuals, businesses and others that have relied on the program.

The court's 5-4 conservative majority includes two justices – Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh – appointed by Trump.

The justices heard the administration's appeals of lower court rulings in California, New York and

Supreme Court justices lean toward Trump on ending DACA



Protesters gather outside the U.S. Supreme Court as justices were scheduled to hear oral arguments in the consolidation of three cases before the court regarding the Trump administration's bid to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program in Washington. REUTERS

the District of Columbia that blocked Trump's move as unlawful and left DACA in place.

Trump's administration has argued that Obama exceeded his constitutional powers when he created DACA by executive action, bypassing Congress. Trump has made his hardline immigration policies – cracking down on legal and illegal

immigration and pursuing construction of a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border – a centerpiece of his presidency and 2020 re-election campaign.

Kavanaugh said there is no reason to think that the administration's consideration of the impact its decision would have on individuals, when weighed against its contention that the DACA

program was unlawful from the beginning, was anything other than a “considered decision.”

Conservative Chief Justice John Roberts – who could be the pivotal vote in deciding the case – questioned whether there was much more that needed to be added to the administration's rationale even if the court were to rule in favor of the chal-

lengers and send the issue back for further review.

The challengers who sued to stop Trump's action included a collection of states such as California and New York, people currently protected by the program and civil rights groups.

Were the court to rule in favor of the challengers it would merely prolong the uncertainty

for “Dreamers,” Gorsuch said.

“What good would another five years of litigation ... serve?” Gorsuch asked.

DACA currently shields about 660,000 immigrants – mostly Hispanic young adults – from deportation and provides them work permits, though not a path to citizenship. REUTERS

Jimmy Carter recovering after brain procedure

2 Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter was recovering at an Atlanta hospital on Tuesday after safely undergoing a procedure to relieve pressure on his brain from bleeding caused by recent falls, the Carter Center said in a statement. The country's oldest living president at age 95, Carter was admitted to Emory University Hospital on Monday evening for the scheduled procedure, which took place three



Jimmy Carter. REUTERS

weeks after he suffered a minor pelvic fracture in a fall at his home in Plains, Georgia. “There are no complications from the surgery. President Carter will remain in the hospital as long as advisable for observation,” the statement said. REUTERS

Juul to cut \$1 billion in costs as new CEO aims for reboot

3 Juul Labs Inc will cut nearly \$1 billion in costs next year, a company official said on Tuesday, as its new chief executive officer tries to turn around the e-cigarette maker following a regulatory crackdown. K.C. Crosthwaite, a former executive at major shareholder Altria, is tasked with fixing the company's battered public image and shrinking valuation as the regulatory moves on vaping threaten to upend the

fast-growing industry. The official also said Juul would cut around 650 jobs, or 16% of its workforce, starting Tuesday. The company previously said it would cut 10-15% of its workforce by the end of this year. “As the vapor category undergoes a necessary reset, this reorganization will help JUUL Labs focus on reducing underage use, investing in scientific research, and creating new technologies,” Crosthwaite said. REUTERS

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500 Philly teachers talk to NBC about all things education

Here's what the teachers said about classroom supplies, quitting the education world and more.



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NBC surveyed 500 educators about paying for classroom supplies, quitting, school violence and more.

It turns out that when it comes to the world of education, things aren't always easy.

NBC reports that the survey was answered by over 500 city teachers, but ultimately the study was sent to 3,000 people who work within Philly schools. The survey had 18 questions, which covered all areas of education. It primarily focused on retention, workplace safety and personal expenses for classroom supplies. Poll takers also were asked how long they've been teaching and what grade levels they teach.

It also showed that, on average, Philly teachers make somewhere between \$46,000 and \$84,000. NBC shared responses from a couple of questions.

The full survey is not yet available. It will be released on Tuesday, after 11 p.m.

Teachers often pay for their own classroom supplies, and this survey showed that some teachers have spent upwards of \$600 out-of-pocket for their classrooms. Forty percent of elementary school teachers pay over \$500 in school supplies for students. Thirty-four percent of middle school teachers spend over \$500 for supplies, and 30 percent of high school teachers also paid over

\$500 for supplies.

Due to a variety of factors, many Philly teachers have thought about leaving the education world behind. Sixty-five percent of elementary school teachers have thought about leaving teaching within the past two years. Over half of middle school teachers (52 percent), have considered leaving and 55 percent of high school teachers have also considered packing in their careers.

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This study also highlights how teachers feel about violence in schools, and if they believe in arming teachers. Teachers were asked if they "believe my school is well protected against potential violence whether it be internal or external," and 68 percent of elementary school teachers said they do not believe their school is well-protected. Fifty-eight percent of middle school teachers also do not feel protected in their school and 52 percent of high school teachers did not feel protected.

Despite not feeling protected, the one thing most educators agreed on is their view of arming teachers with firearms. Ninety-one percent of elementary school teachers, 96 percent of middle school teachers and 97 percent of high school teachers do not believe teachers should be armed.

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President Donald Trump seethed on Monday as Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives prepared to enter a crucial new phase – the first public hearings – in their impeachment inquiry. REUTERS

Democrats vow to insulate impeachment inquiry from 'sham investigations'

Televised public hearings begin on Wednesday.

The impeachment inquiry into U.S. President Donald Trump will not be allowed to become a venue for "sham investigations" into Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden and his son, the head of a congressional committee leading the probe said on Tuesday.

Representative Adam Schiff, the Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee, made the vow as the White House and its Republican allies in Congress set up lines of defense ahead of televised public hearings that begin on Wednesday.

Schiff, who is spearheading the investigation into whether Trump pressured Ukraine to target one of the president's domestic political rivals, also said he would not allow the hearings to be derailed by a debunked conspiracy theory that Ukraine – not Russia – interfered in the 2016 U.S. election.

Some Republicans have defended Trump's dealings with Ukraine by saying he was motivated by a desire to root out corruption in the Eastern European nation and get to the bottom of the election meddling four years ago.

The inquiry will enter a critical phase on Wednesday when lawmakers hold their first public, televised hearings and begin to question witnesses. The proceedings are scheduled to start at 10 a.m. EST.

Schiff's comments in a note to committee members suggested he would not allow Republicans to call Biden's son Hunter and the whistleblower who triggered the impeachment probe after a Trump phone call

with Ukraine's leader as witnesses.

As leader of the Democratic majority on the intelligence panel, Schiff controls which witnesses testify.

The witnesses this week will be U.S. diplomats who voiced concern over Trump asking Ukraine to investigate Joe Biden and Hunter, who was on the board of a Ukrainian gas company, on unspecified allegations of corruption.

The anonymous whistleblower set off the impeachment probe after Trump asked Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky in a phone call on July 25 to investigate the Bidens.

"President Trump's pressure campaign was 'out of bounds,' and every time he insists that it was 'perfect' he is saying that he is above the law."

Nancy Pelosi

The inquiry and hearings "will not serve as venues for any Member to further the same sham investigations into the Bidens or into debunked conspiracies about 2016 U.S. election interference that President Trump pressed Ukraine to undertake for his personal political benefit," Schiff wrote in the note.

Republicans have so far shown little interest in removing Trump from office. REUTERS

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An anti-government protester throws a Molotov cocktail during a standoff with riot police at the Chinese University of Hong Kong in Hong Kong, China.

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Hong Kong universities become 'battlefields' as citywide violence spreads

Police condemned
by pro-democracy
lawmakers.

Police in Hong Kong battled pro-democracy protesters at several university campuses in sometimes savage clashes, as parts of the city were paralyzed including Hong Kong's Central financial district that was tear-gassed for a second day running.

The flare-ups occurred a day after police shot an unarmed protester at close range and a man was doused with petrol and set on fire in some of the worst violence since the protests began nearly five months ago in the China-ruled city.

At the rural Chinese University near Tai Po, some of the fiercest fighting broke out at night as riot police stormed the campus where hundreds of protesters congregated, firing a barrage of tear gas, rubber bullets and water cannon.

Hundreds of masked protesters, many of them students, hurled back petrol bombs, rocks and bricks, some launched with catapults. After the clashes, dozens of the injured lay sprawled on the ground at a nearby sports pitch.

The chaotic night scenes of explosions, smoke plumes, yelling and sustained gunfire, which left scores of injured students sprawled on the ground, stoked a sense of dread among some who recalled the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown

by Chinese troops on pro-democracy protesters in Beijing.

"The fear among the students is so strong," said Wing Long, a 25-year-old theology student. "That's why we've gathered today to stop it from happening."

The police, however, said protesters in the campus had thrown debris and petrol bombs onto a nearby highway linking the Northern New Territories with Kowloon, bringing traffic to a standstill in a haze of tear gas smoke.

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The city's 24 pro-democracy lawmakers condemned the police in a joint statement, saying the nonstop firing of tear gas had turned the campus into a "battlefield," while urging the international community to speak out for Hong Kong's

youngsters to "prevent the recurrence of the tragedy of 1989."

Medics on the scene told Reuters that at least 60 people were injured.

At City University, students in hard hats and gas masks had spent much of the day barricading the campus, making homemade shields, and stockpiled bricks and petrol bombs on bridges and other approaches.

They overran the campus and smashed up glass panels in the adjacent Festival Walk shopping mall and set fire to a giant Christmas tree.

Earlier in the day, more than 1,000 protesters, many wearing office clothes and face masks, rallied in Central for a second day during lunch hour, blocking roads below some of the city's tallest skyscrapers and most expensive real estate.

After they had dispersed, police fired tear gas at the remaining protesters on old, narrow Pedder Street. Police made more than a dozen arrests, many pinned up on the pavement against the wall of luxury jeweller Tiffany & Co.

Police said masked "rioters" had committed "insane" acts, throwing trash, bicycles and other debris on to metro tracks and overhead power lines, paralyzing transport in the former British colony. TV footage showed activists dropping heavy objects from overpasses on to traffic below, just missing a motorcyclist. REUTERS

Turkish forces in patrol shoot at protesters in Syria's Kobani



A boy wearing a Turkish flag stands next to a Turkish soldier in the town of Tal Abyad, Syria. REUTERS

Turkish forces conducting a joint patrol in northern Syria under a Russian-Turkish deal fired live rounds on Tuesday at protesters near the mainly Kurdish town of Kobani, a witness and a monitor said.

The UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group said two people were killed and seven others injured near the town along the Syrian-Turkish border.

Turkey's military launched a cross-border offensive into northeast Syria last month to target the Kurdish YPG militia in the region, seizing control of 75 miles of land along the frontier.

Under a subsequent deal, Russia and Turkey agreed to push the YPG at least 19 miles south of the frontier and to hold joint patrols. Ankara views the YPG as terrorists linked to a Kurdish insurgency on Turkish soil.

The Turkish Defence Ministry said a fifth joint land patrol with Russia took place in the border region on Tuesday "with due care and diligence for the safety of both civilians and our military personnel despite provocation by terrorists."

TASS news agency

cited Russia's Defence Ministry as saying Turkish forces and Russian military police conducted the patrol north of Kobani without mentioning a shooting incident.

The witness said forces fired live rounds into the air to disperse residents who were pelting stones at the patrol in an attempt to block it. The forces then fired bullets and tear gas at the protesters, wounding three, he said.

Syrian Kurdish residents have protested during the patrols against the deal under which Turkish troops are entering the border region. The reported shooting on Tuesday appeared to be the first such incident since the patrols started last month.

The Turkish-Russian deal enabled Syrian government forces to move back into border regions held by Kurdish fighters and where the Syrian army had been absent for years.

Mustafa Bali, spokesman for the Syrian Democratic Forces, which the YPG spearheads, said in a tweet: "Turkish army is firing live bullets on Kurdish protesters and killing them in broad daylight."

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U.S. Supreme Court declines to shield

A Remington assault rifle was used in 2012 massacre.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday dealt a blow to the firearms industry, rejecting Remington Arms Co.'s bid to escape a lawsuit by families of victims aiming to hold the gun

maker liable for its marketing of the assault-style rifle used in the 2012 Sandy Hook school massacre that killed 20 children and six adults.

The justices turned away Remington's appeal of a ruling by Connecticut's top court to let the lawsuit proceed despite a federal law that broadly shields

firearms manufacturers from liability when their weapons are used in crimes. The lawsuit will move forward at a time of high passions in the United States over the issue of gun control.

The family members of nine people slain and one survivor of the Sandy Hook massacre filed the lawsuit in

2014. Remington was backed in the case by a number of gun rights groups and lobbying organizations including the powerful National Rifle Association, which is closely aligned with Republicans including President Donald Trump. The NRA called the lawsuit "company-killing."

The Dec. 14, 2012 rampage was carried out by a 20-year-old gunman named Adam Lanza, who shot his way into the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut and fired on first-graders and adult staff before fatally shooting himself as police closed in.

The United States has experienced a succession of mass shootings in recent decades, including several that have staggered the public such as the 2017 attack at a Las Vegas concert that killed 58 and one at a nightclub in Orlando in 2016 that killed 49. Assault-type rifles have been a recurring feature in many of the massacres.

The U.S. Congress has not enacted new gun control laws in the wake of the mass shootings largely because of Republican opposition.

The plaintiffs have argued that Remington bears some of the



Remington firearms sit on a rack at the National Rifle Association's (NRA) annual meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. REUTERS

blame for the Sandy Hook tragedy. They said the Bushmaster AR-15 gun that Lanza used - a

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Disney Plus is live: What it offers, where it streams and how to get a free trial

It's certainly a magical time for streaming services, because Disney Plus, formally styled as Disney+, is finally here and fans in the U.S., Canada and the Netherlands officially have access now. There have been many questions asked about the new service being offered by the landmark company, and Metro has your answers and even sprinkled some pixie dust for a free trial. Here is everything you need to know about the highly-anticipated launch of Disney Plus.

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gun maker from Sandy Hook lawsuit



semi-automatic civilian version of the U.S. military's M-16 - had been illegally marketed by the company to civilians as a combat weapon for waging war and killing human beings.

The plaintiffs said

that Connecticut's consumer protection law forbids advertising that promotes violent, criminal behavior and yet even though these rifles have become the "weapon of choice for mass shooters" Remington's ads "continued to exploit the fantasy of an all-conquering lone gunman." One of them, they noted, stated, "Forces of opposition, bow down."

Josh Koskoff, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said the families are grateful that the court denied Remington's appeal.

"We are ready to resume discovery and proceed toward trial in order to shed light on Remington's profit-driven strategy to expand the AR-15 market and court high-risk users at the expense of Americans' safety," Koskoff said in a statement.

A Remington representative could not be reached for comment.

The company argued

that it should be insulated from the lawsuit by a 2005 federal law known as the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which was aimed at blocking a wave of lawsuits damaging to the firearms industry.

The case hinges on an exception to this shield for claims in which a gun manufacturer know-

ingly violates the law to sell or market guns. Remington has argued that the Connecticut Supreme Court interpreted the exception too broadly when it decided to let the case go ahead.

Though the case does not directly implicate the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment right to keep and bear

arms, the NRA told the justices in a filing that the lawsuit could put gun manufacturers out of business, making the right meaningless.

A state trial court initially threw out the claims but the Connecticut Supreme Court revived the lawsuit in March, prompting Remington's appeal.

The justices already have taken up one important gun rights case in their current term. They are due to hear arguments on Dec. 2 in a lawsuit by gun owners and the state's NRA affiliate challenging New York City restrictions on handgun owners transporting firearms outside the home. **REUTERS**

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With the holidays approaching, it's time to get lit — at the Franklin Square Light Show that is. Every year the Historic Square has always dazzled guests with a unique

and unexpected design that truly puts everyone in the seasonal spirit, and this year will be no different. In fact, it's gotten even better.

Opening night for the Franklin Square Holiday Light Show presented by PECO is this week (Nov. 14) and the festivities this year are red hot in the ice-cold. This Thursday will feature rides on the Lightning Bolt Holiday Express Train,

live music performed by The Philly POPS and The Philly POPS Festival Chorus, plenty of tasty food and drinks from SquareBurger and Ben's Sweets & Treats, plus appearances from Ben Franklin, The Grinch and "Frozen" princesses all leading up to the main event. The light show begins at 4:30 p.m. and will feature over 80,000 LED lights choreographed to dance in unison to holiday mu-

sic from The Philly POPS. The spectacle will then continue to play in two alternating shows every half hour. Throughout the rest of the holiday season, the free light show will play daily until Dec. 30.

Franklin Square's menu options are just as festive as the show. SquareBurger will feature plenty of delicious options as well as some seasonal specials including burgers, hot dogs, fries, ice cream, their vegetarian Betsy Burger, and of course, their

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Ben's Sweets & Treats is also serving up some

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running through Dec. 27. A few highlights include: Thankful Friday (Nov. 22, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.) featuring free Thanksgiving crafts for kids; The Arrival of Santa Claus (Nov. 29, 5 p.m.); visit from "Star Wars" characters (Dec. 6, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.); plus plenty of ongoing events including Santa Saturdays featuring milk and cookies with Santa from The Famous 4th Street Cookie Company (Nov. 30 - Dec. 21, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., advanced tickets for \$20 required) and Seasonal Sounds on Sundays

featuring different talented performers (Nov. 17 - Dec. 29, times vary.)

According to the release, the Franklin Square Holiday Festival also kicks off the Historic Holidays and Nights with tree lightings, menorah lightings, military and boat parades, celebrations and shopping, culminating with the Rivers Casino New Year's Eve fireworks display on the Delaware River. There are also a few new additions this year to all of the holiday magic going on at Franklin Square.

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"No actor likes to be pigeonholed" - EMILIA CLARKE

The British actress revealed how difficult it was to deal with her health problems during 'Game of Thrones.'

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Emilia Clarke stars in the new movie "Last Christmas," in which she leaves behind the sensual and empowered character of Khaleesi, Mother of Dragons from "Game of Thrones" to play Kate, a confused and aimless young woman. In an interview with Metro, the actress talked about this new role.

In "Last Christmas" we see a young woman looking for opportunities to show off her talent. Did you identify with Kate when you started? Definitely, yes, because you have to work very

hard. Before I could have a real job as an actress I had to prepare myself a lot in drama school and I had six previous jobs in different fields until I finally got a chance. You have to build your dreams, live and enjoy every experience no matter how bad it is. Like everyone else, at first I had fears and insecurities, but if you don't dare, you'll never make it. In that sense I identify very much with Kate because she is not a perfect girl, she is not the typical Hollywood idea about what women should be. She is not always smiling, she is disheveled and not afraid. So I could see myself in this character. She also has this fragile and sensitive side.

"Last Christmas" shows another facet of you - singing. Would you like to participate in a musical? And what kind of music do you prefer? I love to sing and I always have. My father worked



Emilia Clarke as Kate in "Last Christmas," directed by Paul Feig. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

for many years as an audio engineer in musicals, so I grew up between stages and therefore also participated in many of them. When it comes to music, when I was younger I loved jazz and then ska but now I listen to different genres, so it is difficult to say.

Do you want to break the image of your character in "Game of Thrones" with this film? I'm not really looking for that. I mean Khaleesi is a very important part of my life and I know it will be

very difficult to overcome. But she is not me and we don't have anything in common, she's a very sensual character and I'm not. I'm aware that nothing I've done before has been as massive as "Game of Thrones," but I also think that no actor likes to be pigeonholed with a character. So, to be honest, in this movie I won't be seen with dragons. My goal is to keep growing in my career, that people continue to generate expectations of my work as an actress and I want to do that every chance

I get. This time, "Last Christmas" is for another audience, for new looks, for people who like my work and especially for myself, because otherwise people get bored of you and sarcastically say 'ah look, the same character ... again.'

How did "Game of Thrones" change your life?

My whole world changed, my way of thinking and my way of looking at life. It was one of the projects that allowed me to give a complete turn to my career. But when I thought I was at my best, I got sick so suddenly that I asked myself 'Why? I've worked so hard for this.' And I didn't want to say anything to HBO because it was 2011 and they trusted me, they were the first who didn't criticize me for my appearance and gave me a role as strong as Khaleesi, so I didn't want to disappoint them. But the truth is that I almost died from

an aneurysm, which kept me in the hospital for five days. But the best thing is that it didn't discourage me because when you're young you don't know what's going on. That's where Kate and I are very much alike, I feel that's why I managed to connect so much with this character.

Do you put career before your health?

Of course! 100 percent that's the actor's life. When you look around you see a jungle of people looking for an opportunity, then when something like "Game of Thrones" comes into your hands you can't miss it, they are opportunities that come only once in a lifetime. Khaleesi was able to put me to the test many times because three years ago my father died and I also had to recover to continue working. And despite all that nothing would change because it has been a wonderful experience.

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It's looking more and more like the only play-off representative from the NFC East will be the team that grabs the division crown as the Wild Card standings are far too jumbled. As things stand today, the Seahawks and the Vikings would be the two NFC Wild Card teams with both owning superior records to the Eagles (5-4) and Cowboys (5-4). Seattle is 8-2, and Minnesota is 7-3. There

are also two other teams sitting at 5-4 (Rams and Panthers). So the best bet to get into the dance would be to win this division outright. Here are the current NFC East odds at MetroBet.us/Sugar:

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The Eagles have an easier



schedule than Dallas down the stretch as the combined record of the teams they will face is 28-38, compared to the Cowboys who will face squads with a combined record of 32-30. But most of this bet come down to how confident you are that the Eagles can beat the Cowboys straight-up, in Philly, on Dec. 22. The play: Eagles -143 to win NFC East

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SPORTS

Will the Phillies target Josh Donaldson this winter?

The Phillies could be looking for an upgrade at the hot corner.



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After using the combination of Maikel Franco, Scott Kingery, and Brad Miller all at third base last season. Could the Philadelphia Phillies be looking to upgrade the position in free agency?

Mark Feinsand of MLB.com reported this week that the Phillies are among multiple teams interested in signing free-agent third baseman Josh Donaldson.

Donaldson is part of a free-agent third-base class that features World Series champion Anthony Rendon and Mike Moustakas.

While Rendon is expected to get a massive contract this offseason from either the Nationals or another team. Donaldson and Moustakas will more than likely get themselves a nice deal too from a prospective team.

Last season for the Atlanta Braves, Donaldson had a career year at the plate and in the field. The 34-year-old slugger, who battled injuries in 2018, almost looked like his former AL MVP self with Atlanta.

Donaldson had a slash line of .259/.379/.521 with 37 home runs and 94 RBI. He also had 100 walks and a career-high 155 strikeouts in 659 plate appearances.

The last time Donaldson hit at least 37 home runs was in the 2016 season with the Toronto Blue Jays.

Not to mention, the veteran slugger also had a WAR (Wins Above Replacement) of 6.1, which is pretty good for a player that the Braves signed to a one-year, \$23 million deal last November.

When it comes to playing defense, Donaldson did a great job of handling the hot corner.

He posted a fielding percentage (Fld%)



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of .969, surpassing the lgFld% of .962. Additionally, Donaldson also turned 38 double plays and only committed 13 errors.

That being said, it should be interesting to see where Donaldson goes and how much he gets. But also what the Phillies do at third base this offseason.

After having a breakout season and helping the Braves win their second-consecutive division crown. It wouldn't come as a surprise to see Donaldson get maybe a two or three-year deal on the free-agent market.

According to Feinsand, an executive told him that teams might not want to wait for Rendon, who is represented by Scott Boras, and instead go after the 34-year-old Donaldson.

Furthermore, Donaldson's calculated market value is a three-year, \$53.6 million deal with an annual average salary of \$17.8M per Spotrac.com.

If that is the case, should the Phillies go all in for Donaldson, while they wait for Alec Bohm in the minors?

It honestly depends on how they feel about Bohm, Kingery, and possibly surrendering a draft pick.

For players such as Donaldson, who have until Nov. 14 to decline

their qualifying offer, it puts teams such as the Phillies and others who might have to sign them in a tough decision.

Do you risk giving up a draft pick for a veteran player, who declined their QO, or keep it in hopes of building up the farm system?

Phillies GM Matt Klentak shined some light on this very topic last week on 94WIP's Midday Show.

"One of the things we've got to try to do, if we can, is to not forfeit draft picks, and that's hard when you're fishing in the deep end of the free-agent pond," he said (h/t MLB Trade Rumors).

"But we lost our second-round pick last year and our second and third the year before. That doesn't sound like a lot, but that's where Scott Kingery comes from. That's where Spencer Howard comes from. That's where Connor Seabold comes from... We've got to try to hang onto that as much as we can."

Speaking of Kingery, he had a breakout year last season for the Phillies. The second-year utility man played all three outfield spots, second base, third base, and shortstop.

He had a slash line of .258/.315/.474 with 19 home runs and 55 RBI.

Therefore, where do the Phillies envision him playing in the future?

Regardless, if the Phillies get Donaldson or not, this will be an

other important offseason for them under new manager Joe Girardi.



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Phils expected to keep tabs on Cole

Per reports, the Phillies will be in the mix for the former Astros ace.



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Alongside the likes of Donaldson, the Phillies are going to be plenty active elsewhere during Major League Baseball's offseason.

It's a pivotal winter for a franchise that hasn't made the playoffs in eight years to the point where another disappointing campaign could have repercussions on the front office.

The offseason has started promising enough with the hiring of Joe Girardi — one of the top candidates on the market — as manager.

Now comes the opportunity for GM Matt Klentak to prove that he can build a winner in Philadelphia.

While the last offseason provided fireworks and blockbusters headlined by the acquisitions of Bryce Harper, JT Realmuto, and Jean Segura, the Phillies have plenty of holes left to fill.

Amongst the top of the to-do list is bolstering the starting rotation — which is in desperate



Gerrit Cole is the prized arm of Major League Baseball's free-agent market this winter. GETTY IMAGES

need of depth behind Aaron Nola and possibly Jake Arrieta depending on how well he rebounds from an injury-plagued 2019 season.

On Tuesday morning, The Athletic's Jayson Stark provided some insight on what the Phillies might be planning to do to address that situation.

"People keep asking what I expect the Phillies to do. Here's what I've heard," he wrote. "Add 'at least' two starters — one big multiyear deal, the other(s) trade/upside/one-year-deal

types."

He also added that they will be in the mix for Gerrit Cole, who is the crown jewel of the pitching free-agent market this winter.

Cole is coming off a monster season in which he racked up 326 strikeouts to go with a 20-5 record and a 2.50 ERA.

The problem is that there are going to be several obstacles in Philadelphia's pursuit of the 29-year-old righty.

It's already been well-documented that Cole, a California kid, has a desire to make a move

back toward the west coast. That's great news for the likes of the Los Angeles Angels, who are starving for pieces to build around Mike Trout and aren't afraid to open their checkbooks.

The price for Cole is also expected to be astronomical and could cost upward of \$250 million.

While the Phillies spent "stupid" money last season, Stark said that won't be the case for Cole as they will "stay in the mix" for him, but would likely have to be the "last team standing."

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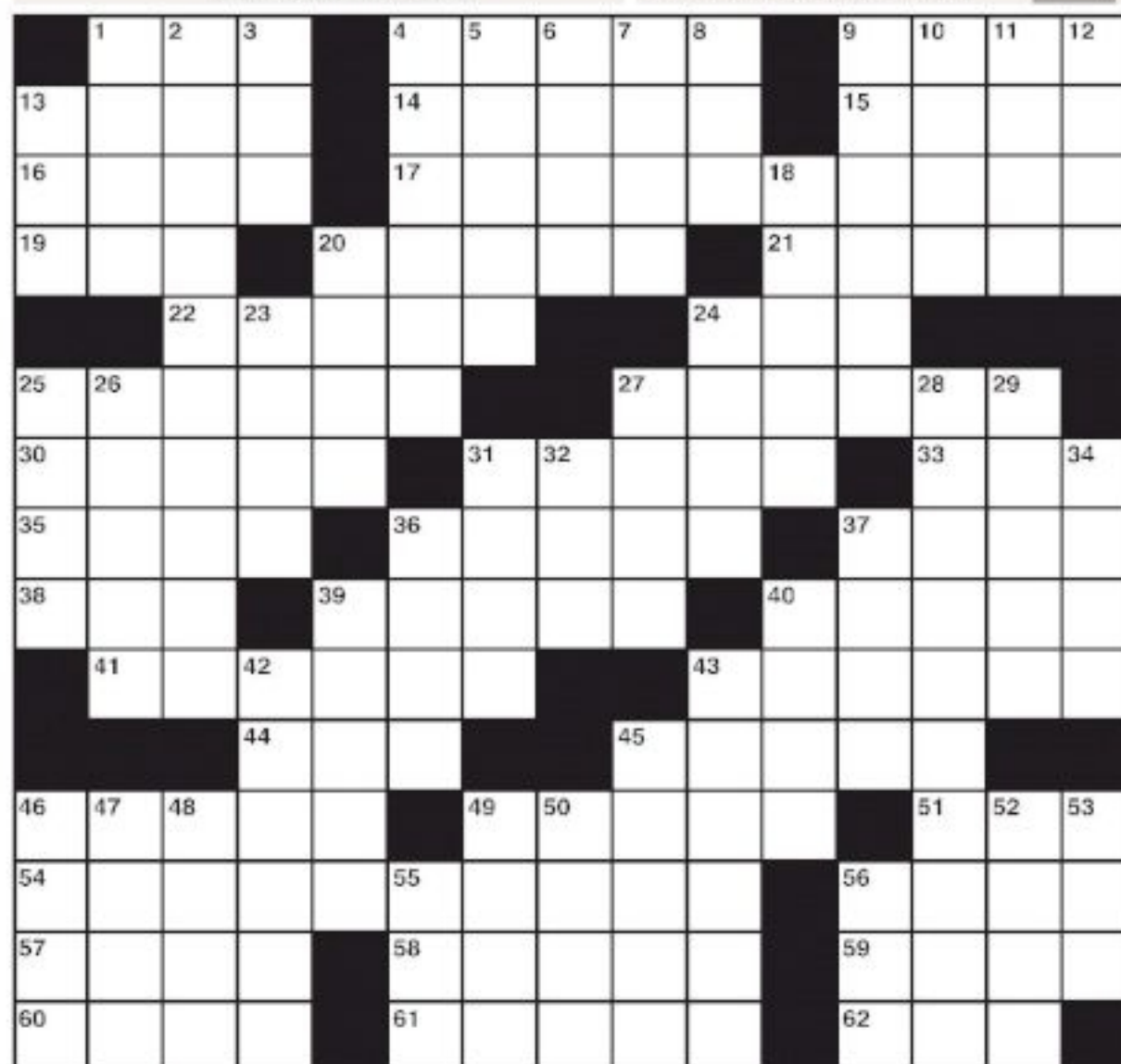
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20 No longer fresh
21 Takes notice of
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31 Smooth and shiny
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35 Passed away
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37 Alpha's follower
38 ___ at once; suddenly
39 Courted
40 Panama or Suez

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44 D's followers
45 Furniture wood
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49 Glowed
51 Rural address letters
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56 French mother
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59 As straight ___ arrow
60 Actor Damon
61 Thick with pines
62 Suffix for moral or human

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6 James ___ Jones
7 Arthur with a racket
8 Pig's abode
9 Wily plot
10 Arrive
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12 Arthur & others
13 Baseball's Gehrig
18 ___-skinned; able to

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20 Ending for mob or dump
23 ___ a test; passed easily
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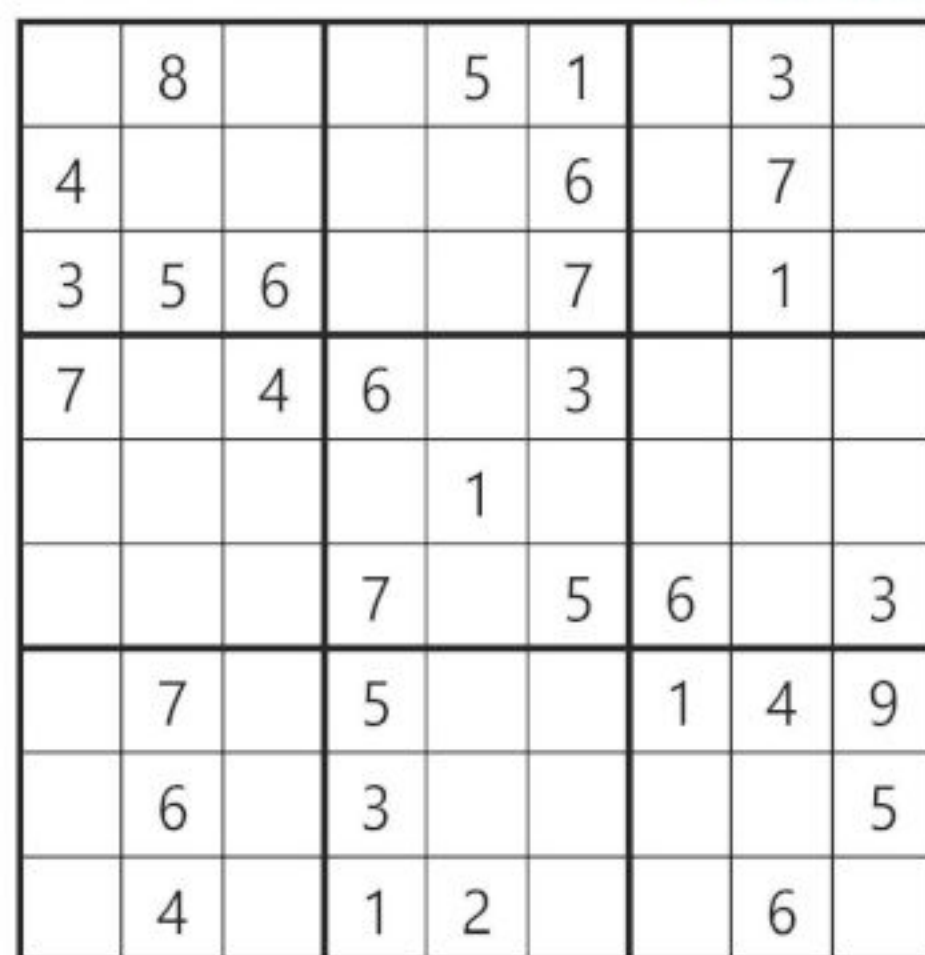
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